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The Competition Is A Unique Opportunity To Showcase Young Artistic Talent At The Nation's Capitol

(St. Louis, MO) - Congressman Russ Carnahan (D-MO) is pleased to be part of the annual Congressional Art Competition, *An Artistic Discovery*, which this year marks the competition's twenty-eighth anniversary. The competition is designed to recognize exceptional artistic talent in high school students across the country. Winning entries will hang in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol over the course of a one year exhibition.

Those interested in participating are asked to submit their artwork and student information release form to Congressman Carnahan's District Office at 8764 Manchester Road, Suite 203 in St. Louis, MO 63144 by May 15th.

Regulations for the competition are as follows:

- Artwork must be two-dimensional;
- Each piece can be no larger than 30"x30"x4" (including the frame) and cannot weigh more than 15 pounds;
- Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws;
- Artwork must be either painting, drawing, collage, print, mixed media, computer generated art, or photography; and
- Artwork must adhere to policy of House Office Building Commission and not depict subjects of political controversy or a sensationalistic or gruesome nature.

Congressman Carnahan's district's winning entry will be selected by May 22nd and sent to Washington, D.C. to be displayed. The winning finalist will be invited to attend a ribbon-cutting

ceremony held in Washington, D.C. in June.

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